

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-14 remain pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Amendment

Claim 5 has been amended to remove a minor informality. In this respect, the term "measuring" between "two" and "speakers" has been deleted. Note that claim 5 does not recite "the positions" but rather --positions--. Accordingly, no antecedent basis problem is present. No new matter or issue has been introduced.

Allowed Claims

Claims 1-3, 8, and 10-14 have been allowed.

Art Rejection

Claims 5-7 now stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Sasaki (USPGP 2005/0152557). Applicant traverses this rejection because Sasaki is not a viable prior art reference.

Applicant previously perfected priority. The priority application has a filing date of 18 February 2004, which is earlier than the effective U.S. filing date of Sasaki (10 December 2004). Accordingly the above art rejection is improper.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, applicant submits that claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-14 are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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